



## SIR JOHN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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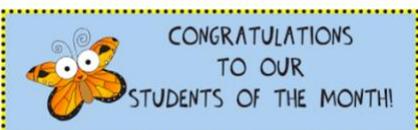
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#### SCHOOL GOALS 2017-18

**1. Social Emotional Learning** - To promote social emotional development by teaching students the necessary skills to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships and make responsible decisions.

**2. Aboriginal Cultural Enhancement** - To increase knowledge, acceptance, empathy, awareness and appreciation of Indigenous histories, traditions, cultures and contributions among all students.

#### STUDENT OF THE MONTH



The *Student of the Month Award* is presented to students on a monthly basis. This year we will recognize students based on a monthly theme. For the month of April, we recognize students for their accomplishments in Language Arts.

Students selected for this award are presented with a certificate at our monthly assembly. We also put up a group photo in the main hallway. Congratulations to the following students:

- Div. 1 Coen, Alexandra
- Div. 2 Max, Anneliese, Conner, Aalia, Gordon, Emma
- Div. 3 Ashlyn, Amadeo, Emma, Ashley
- Div. 4 I-Serafina, Olivia
- Div. 5 Maurice, Cody, Nelson, Kotone, Brayden
- Div. 6 Elias, Christian, Kahleya
- Div. 7 Ethan Z
- Div. 8 Catherine, Alex
- Div. 9 Brayden, Blake, Opalina

#### 2018-2019 GENERAL SCHOOL FEES



The 2017-18 School Fees notice sent home in May of last year stated that this school year would be the final year that school supplies would be purchased for a set fee by the school district and that starting in September 2018, parents would need to purchase items on their own.

**Please note that the general school supplies fee will still be charged for the upcoming 2018-19 school year.**

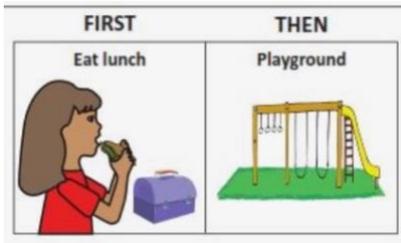
The Vancouver School Board will continue its service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2018-2019 will remain at \$25.00 per student. This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

## CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE



On Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, Franklin students Hazel and Charlie from Div. 2 participated in the District-level Concours d'art oratoire (French public speaking competition). This annual event is sponsored by Canadian Parents for French of BC. Charlie and Hazel were the only Intensive French participants - the only elementary participants. They both delivered very impressive speeches in French and won first and second prizes in their category. Congratulations to Charlie and Hazel!

## "EAT THEN PLAY" LUNCH



Franklin staff have decided to change the lunch sequence from the current Reverse Lunch (Play Then Eat) to the traditional (**Eat Then Play**) lunch in the fall.

Currently, at Franklin, students at lunch are released from class, have 25 minutes of playground time, and then return to the lunchroom to eat lunch.

This arrangement is not common in Vancouver schools, and has been the subject of discussion among staff for some time.

97% of elementary schools in Vancouver practice the opposite, traditional sequence: when classes are released at lunch, students eat lunch, and then, once they have finished, go off and play for the balance of the time left in the lunch hour.

There are several reasons for this change.

First, teachers observe that students are often, understandably, quite hungry by noon. Having students eat right away means that students don't go off to the playground hungry.

Second, gathering students from the playground in an excited state to return to eat is something of a challenge. Students are more amenable to organization and supervision when they have come directly from class, as opposed to coming back from a brisk game of soccer or some other playground game.

Third, cleanliness is an issue when students are coming off the playground for lunch. Hands have to be washed, of course, but access to wash basins is relatively limited in the lunchroom. If lunch comes first, students can wash their hands in the classroom under teacher supervision, and then walk down to the lunch room with their classroom teachers, instead of having to wash up after play time.

Finally, eating before play gives students the option of taking their time to eat. Under the current system, some students who seem to enjoy a slower-paced lunch find themselves pressed for time after returning from the playground.

The feeling among Franklin staff is that this change to an eat-first approach will contribute to an improvement in lunch hour, both in lunch itself, and in play time, and create a situation where students are better regulated and more ready for afternoon instruction.

If you have any questions or comments about the change, please contact Ms. McDonnell. Thank you.

## FRANKLIN GARDEN UPDATE



The garden barrier is up! On Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> parents Stephen Tarrant, Carl Eriksson, teacher Ms. Tufts and volunteer Basil McDonnell were busy at work building the barrier to protect our school garden beds. The garden structure was designed and built by Stephen Tarrant. The barrier is not meant to keep public out of the garden; instead it is an invitation to invite people to appreciate and enjoy the garden. Currently students are planting garden vegetables to be harvested in June and September. We would like to remind our students and community members to help us take care of our school garden. Help our garden grow!



## FRANKLIN VARIETY SHOW

Our annual Variety Show was held on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The audience was entertained by over 30 spectacular acts performed by our students. It takes courage to perform in front of a packed audience. Kudos to all performers! Thank you to Mr. Burrus for rehearsing with students over the past month and thank you to Ms. Knight for helping with the audition.

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



The Franklin Family Movie Night held on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> was a great success with over 150 students and parents attending. Thank you to Beth Wolfe, Madoka Tamura and Anea Wilbur for handling the tickets at the door; Keri Adams for running the popcorn station and Elizabeth Hudgins for running the Snack Shack. A big thank you to Elizabeth for taking the lead on organizing the Family Movie Night. Thank you to

Franklin PAC for sponsoring this event.



## ST. ROSE HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND AT FRANKLIN

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, Franklin students were entertained by the concert band from St. Rose School in Edmonton. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year that St. Rose has performed for us. Thank you, St. Rose High School Band, for a very uplifting band performance!

## FREE PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

For the month of April, Franklin students have benefited from three opportunities to enrich their educational experiences.



**Chance to Dance Education:** Students in Div. 6, 7, & 9 participated in a creative primary dance program with dance instructor Anne-Michelle.

**Ultimate Frisbee Clinic:** Students in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 learned to play the games with instructors Ari and Danie.

**Clean Up Your Act:** Students in Div. 5, 8 & 9 were entertained by Ian and Sarah from DreamRider Productions and learned the importance of keeping our school and city clean.



## GAME ON!

Big Brothers of Canada is running an after-school activity at Franklin for boys in Grade 4 and 5. Game On! runs from April 18<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>. Students meet every Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:30 pm in the school gym. Each session is structured around four themes: physical activity, healthy eating, self-esteem, and communication skills.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club for girls in Grade 4 & 5 is held every Monday at lunch. Students will work together as a group to explore friendship issues to support an inclusive environment. Thank you to Ms. Luchenski and Ms. Tufts for sponsoring.



## FRANKLIN SPORTS

The Franklin Senior Boys and Girls had a fun-filled Badminton season. Students had many opportunities to play "singles" and "doubles" against players from other schools and against each other. Students enjoyed skill development at practices and games. A big thank-you to the parents who came out to drive our players to games and cheer them on. We would also like to thank our sports coach Mr. Orange for his dedication coaching sports teams at Franklin. Track and Field season is next with practices starting the first week in May.

## SCHOOL ACTIVE TRAVEL PLANS 2018/19



As a result of ongoing traffic safety concerns expressed by the members of the PAC, Franklin School is one of the five schools in Vancouver that have been chosen to participate in the School Active Travel Plans for the 2018/19 school year. Active travel plans are intended to assist with achieving City and VSB transportation objectives including increasing walking and cycling to and from schools, improving safety infrastructure for walking and cycling to and from schools, reducing the demand for vehicle trips to and from schools, reducing vehicle emissions adjacent to schools, and improving the overall health and well-being of students.

City Engineering staff are leading this project with support from VSB Planning and Sustainability staff. City Engineering will conduct data collection, facilitate school meetings, collect school input, and prepare a draft plan with recommendations for VSB and the school community to review.

City staff will arrange meetings with school staff and school PACs to introduce the plan objectives and context, arrange a school travel survey, conduct a site walk-about to identify any potential infrastructure upgrades, and develop a report with recommendations. Most of the planning work with schools would be from January to May in the next school year (2018/19). The implementation of recommendations may take up to two years to complete.

### What will Franklin get by participating?

- An Active Travel Plan for Franklin with potential recommendations for street infrastructure. City Engineering has up to \$50,000 per school to implement recommended infrastructure work.
- Best routes to school maps poster and to use as handouts.
- A more engaged and aware school community in active daily travel to/from school.

We are very lucky to have been chosen for this program! We will need parents who are interested in improving their child(ren)'s commute to school to participate. If you are able to be on the School Active Travel Plans Committee, please contact parent Anita Zaenker at [anita.zaenker@gmail.com](mailto:anita.zaenker@gmail.com). Thank you.

## BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK



We are taking part in Bike to School Week this year! From May 28 to June 1, students and staff are encouraged to use "active transportation" and cycle, roll, or walk to Franklin. Everyone who arrives at school on bike or foot or scooter will receive a sticker to put on the poster wall. We will also be learning about

bike safety and how to prevent bike theft. Last year we had over 75 students and staff take part. Let's see if we can beat that record this year! A representative from Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre will be at Franklin for a bike engraving session on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Thank you to Anita Zaenker and Mr. Burrus for sponsoring Bike to School Week.

## VSB SUMMER SCHOOL 2018

Registration opens on April 27<sup>th</sup>

Summer school and all summer school program information can be found at: <https://summer.vsb.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

Please contact your child's teacher or the scinformation about summer school.



## FRANKLIN SPORTS DAY



This year Franklin Sports Day will be held on **Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**. The format will be similar to last year. Students will be dismissed at 3 pm. Lunch order forms will be sent home with students soon. There will be a concession run by Grade 7 parents. Proceeds of lunch and concession sales will go toward the Grade 7 School Leaving Ceremony. Thank you to M. Orange and Ms. Ghavimi for organizing this year's sports day.



Wednesday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Game On in the gym (3:00 to 4:30 pm)
Thursday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Big One at Two (district earthquake drill @2:00 pm)
Tuesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Raising Digitally Responsible Youth at Prince of Wales Secondary at 6:30pm (repeated presentation)
Monday May 7 <sup>th</sup> - Friday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dance for Life (dance workshops for all students)
Friday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dance Open House (2:30 pm)
Wednesday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Intensive French meeting for next year's Grade 6 parents at 6 pm PAC meeting at 7 pm
Thursday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7 students visit Templeton
Friday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	District Closure Day (school closed)
Monday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Victoria Day holiday
Wednesday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lock down drill at 1:15pm
Friday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Student of the month assembly at 9:10
Monday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Photo Day: Class and Panorama photos
Monday, May 28 <sup>th</sup> – June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bike to School Week
Wednesday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Volunteer Appreciation Tea (8:30 to 9:30) Bike to School Week bike engraving at 3:00 pm
Friday, June 1	Franklin Sports Day
Wednesday, June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome To Kindergarten (1:30 to 3:00 pm)
Thursday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>	District Final Track & Field meet at Swangard Stadium (all day)
Monday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7s to Strathcona Park Lodge and Outdoor Ed Center

## ALLERGY POLICY



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**Franklin School is allergy-aware!** Please note that parents are asked to avoid sending foods containing **nut or peanut products** to school with their children due to severe allergies to these particular foods.

As peanut/nut butter tends to stick to surfaces, please wash your child's hands if you give them these foods for breakfast before school.

If there are questions or concerns, please contact Ms. McDonnell for further information. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.